

Indian Chieftain.

VINITA, IND. TER., DEC. 30, 1886.

Local Railroad Time Tables.

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Come and renew your subscriptions.

"Squire Trot" is piling up a big lot of lumber.

Bluejacket, who killed Blackfoot, was discharged by the commissioner.

"Martin, the Jeweler," at Neosho, sends us a very handsome holiday card.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church will be held to-morrow night.

Up to the time of going to press the murderers of Sixkiller have not been captured.

On the 20th inst., Tom McSpadden became dead to a healthy ten pound baby.

H. Valentino has sold his corn mill to Wm. M. Caldwell and son, and they have taken possession.

Mrs. W. J. Chaney left last week for Ohio with the remains of her husband, who died here last May.

On the whole, 1886 has been a pretty good year after all, but we must part with him to-morrow night.

The Silver Spur comedy company will play here on the 17th of January. Full particulars next week.

As we understand it, every lady, whether invited or not, is expected to attend the masquerade ball.

Every business man should make out his bills this week and never let up till he has collected them.

The grand masquerade ball at the opera house occurs to-morrow night. Supper is to be served at the Frisco hotel.

"Kate," the race mare belonging to John Parks, known as the Hugh Carroll filly, died recently—it is thought from poison.

Christmas trees were had at all the churches last Friday evening. The band visited and played a few selections at each.

The relatives of B. Russell, who was killed near Prairie City, are preparing to bring suit against the Frisco Railway company for \$10,000.

After being cut off from the busy world for a week by reason of the strike case being removed, communication has again been established. Come and see us.

The real name of the fellow who was recently lynched in McDonald county was Jack Barrett. He was a Canadian Indian and thus got the name of "Canada Bill."

No small number of "Christmas boxes" were received by parties in this town. From appearances the contents of all were about the same, at least the effects of taking were the same.

Killebrew, the bogus insurance agent, had been operating at Garfield, Arkansas, as well as in the territory. He is sure of going to the penitentiary from some court, which is a satisfaction to his victims.

Sam Starr and Frank West, both Cherokees, and distant relatives, got into a shooting match in the Choctaw nation two weeks ago in which both were killed. Belle Starr, the wife, was with her husband at the time.

Pay day in good earnest is right here. The Chieftain is going into the business of collecting with a vim and proposes to make the campaign red-hot. To help out in some cases we have secured the services of an expert.

Henry Harper, while coming home from a dance one morning last week, was thrown from his horse and the animal fell upon him. Henry was picked up for dead but the doctors patched him up and he is now as good as ever.

With this issue expires the contract for a column and a half of advertising space, now occupied by the Star Store of Chetopa. Should any of our home merchants wish to secure the same they will be given preference. Early application should be made.

The Missouri Pacific's California excursions, two of which have been heretofore announced, will pass here January 13th, February 10th and March 10th. The round trip rate from here is \$60 and the ticket is good to return any time within six months.

We are going to work our rubber stamp this week on all January list subscribers. If you see some characters in red ink on the corner of your paper they are intended for "Expire with this number." We make no favorites in this business—the poor get their paper decked in red at the expiration of subscription as well as the rich.

Died.—George W. Parks, aged twenty-five, a son of the late Judge G. W. Parks, died last Friday morning of a lung disease. He was sick but a week and the termination was not expected until a day before it came. Being his mother's chief support, his death was the more to be regretted. His four loving sisters who are left all did all that human could for their suffering brother, to no purpose.

CAN IT BE STOPPED?—The Neosho Miner and Mechanic thus tells of the destruction of fish going on within our borders: The water is so low in Grand river that fishermen are murdering and slaughtering fish by the million and unless stopped they will entirely destroy the fish in that river. Red horse, drum and bass of the finest kind are brought up by the barrel to our markets every day and the market is glutted. The stream is so low that the fish cannot get out of the holes or pools, and are gilled, speared and killed at the fishermen's leisure.

THE A. O. U. W.—The officers elected for the ensuing term are: S. J. Thompson, master workman; J. W. Skinner, foreman; T. R. Knight, overseer; M. E. Milford, recorder; C. S. Shelton, reliever; G. W. Green, financier; H. A. Galloway, guide; W. W. Miller, inside watchman; W. D. Chamberlain, outside watchman; L. W. Buffington, trustee; R. F. Forner, medical officer. The next meeting at which the above officers will be installed, will be held at the new hall in the Skinner block. This order, with a membership of 170,000 in the United States and Canada, engages to pay \$2,000 at the death of each of its members. It has disbursed millions of dollars since its organization some twenty years ago, with never a failure and is worthy an investigation by every man who is worthy to become a member.

COWARDLY AND CRUELLY.

Capt. Sam Sixkiller is assassinated on the streets of Muskogee.

Shortly after six o'clock last Friday evening, Christmas eve, a message came over the wires from Muskogee stating that Sam Sixkiller had just been murdered. That a man with a little thought of danger should fall by violence seemed in no wise strange but still the shock was none the lighter and expressions of regret were general.

From an eye witness we secured the following particulars of the tragedy: A horse race run that day had brought a number of hard characters to town and whisky was flowing pretty freely—in fact, Muskogee was in its glory. Capt. Sixkiller had been sick for some time and was in a sense of duty, and at the time unarmed. Just after dark he was going down the main street when two persons called to him. Turning around he met his fate, cowardly and cruel as it was. In the neighborhood of a dozen shots were fired, but one in the face and two in the body did the work. Yates, the timer, in front of a house shop the killing took place, and it is intimated that to him the assassins' names were given ere life departed.

Whether this is the case or not, there seems no question but that the men were Dick Vane and Alf Cunningham, both Cherokees and brothers-in-law. After some delay the body was dressed and then conveyed home and on Sunday was buried. Immediately after the killing the two men ran to where their horses were hitched, one of them exclaiming, "Hurry up, they will be right after us." In this presumption they were at fault for it is reported that to all appearances they might have stayed in town, as no one dared say a word and pursuit was never thought of. Shelly Keys, the marshal, changed hat and coat that he might conceal his identity and looked as though he would like to contract for a cast iron suit of armor.

Capt. Sixkiller was more widely known than any officer in the territory and has for years been the head and front of the Indian police force. Not directing his men in difficult and dangerous situations, but leading them. That more than one evil deed should have fallen at his hand was not to be expected. One of the most notorious of this character was Dick Glass, a desperate outlaw for years, and who was killed some two years ago. The cause of enmity of Vane and Cunningham was partly owing to a case of this kind, the victim being Jess Nicholson. This man was wounded in the heel last summer from the effects of which he died, though it is not known who shot him, as Capt. Sixkiller, Charley Laffore and possibly others, were firing. Some hours before the shooting of Sixkiller Cunningham's honor had received a set-back at the hands of Tom Kennard, a Creek negro lighthorse, who had beaten him over the head with a six-shooter. This raised a clamor for blood and possibly had much to do with the tragedy that followed.

Vane, it will be remembered, was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, a few months ago, for an assault upon Capt. Hamar, at Fort Gibson, but was pardoned by the president.

We are informed that United States writes have been issued for the men named and placed in the hands of an officer. The prediction is that they will not be served without a fight. As all the parties were Cherokees, it seems as though the matter would come before the Indian courts (perhaps the Creek, where the offence was committed) for trial, unless the fact that the murdered man was a United States deputy marshal cuts a figure in the case.

As soon as the news of the murder reached this town word was sent to Luke Sixkiller, a brother of the deceased and he went down at once. Henry, we understand, is now in California.

PASSPORTS NECESSARY.—Since the Blackfoot killing, an inspector who visited Quapaw agency ordered that no Indian should be allowed to visit Seneca without a pass from the agent. He would have an interesting time enforcing such a decree we imagine. He might bring some of the western Indians to bay by cutting of their rations but we believe the courts have held that even the red man has a perfect right to go where and when he chooses provided he pays his way. However, from all accounts, we judge it would be much better for the Indian to give Seneca a very wide berth on all occasions.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mr. Sam Skinner met with a very painful and serious accident last Sunday evening which will make him an invalid for many a day. He was driving his spirited horse and while turning the corner near L. W. Buffington's stable the buggy was overturned. Mr. Skinner landed upon his feet and with such force as to produce a compound fracture and dislocation of the ankle joint, the bones of the leg protruding through the flesh. The fracture was slight, only a very few small pieces being chipped off the end of the bone, but nevertheless the wound is a serious one indeed. Medical attention was secured without delay and within a short time the bones were returned to their places and properly bandaged. What was surprising was that in spite of the shock and accompanying pain Mr. Skinner stopped his horse and we believe kept upon his feet all the time.

EXPULSION OF CATTLE.—Agent R. L. Owen returned Monday from an expedition against intruding cowmen who were located in the vicinity of Afton. Some seventeen persons, holding 700 or 800 head of cattle, had been directed to remove with their stock beyond the limits of the nation. As they did not do so the chief reported the matter to Col. Owen. Taking a squad of soldiers that gentleman went into the field last week and thus spent his Christmas. The cattle were driven across the line into Kansas and will probably not be brought back, as the owners were as meek and submissive as lambs. Nothing to the contrary was anticipated however, the object in taking the troops to the border was to show these parties and others that the United States government was backing the Cherokees authorities. Col. Owen had not heard of the murder of Sam Sixkiller until he reached here Monday noon and regretted the fact greatly, as the officer was captain of the Indian police force of this agency.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—O. W. Miller, of Prairie City, was over yesterday.

—Capt. Wm. Jackson, of Fort Gibson, was with us for the larger part of the day Christmas.

—Willie Walker, book-keeper for Ed Campbell, at Alluwe, came in last Sunday. He is visiting his people and will stay for the masquerade.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Whittier passed through yesterday on their way home to St. Joe. They had been to Texas to spend Christmas with their little daughters who are attending school at Denison.

—Thos. S. Murray, accompanied by his wife and daughter, passed through yesterday en route for Shawnee to take charge of the government school. They are from Pottawatomie county, Kansas. Mr. Murray is somewhat of a newspaper man and made us a brief but very pleasant call. Being an enthusiastic educator he will do good work.

—A very quiet Xmas.

—Agent Owen was here last week.

—The Sunday school Christmas tree was a success.

—Stock suffering for water; some drying. Cause unknown.

—Until the present cold weather many farmers have been busily engaged in plowing—fall breaking has been the order of the day.

—Whist looking well—never better—notwithstanding the very dry weather. The acreage is probably twenty per cent. greater than ever before.

—Neosho and Grand rivers lower than ever known within the memory of but one inhabitant—Judge Andrain, who says the Neosho has dried in many places in '61.

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—A happy New Year to all.

—Joan Billings is spending Xmas in the usual style.

—Yum, yum; that Xmas dinner reminded us of home and mother.

—We are sorry to say that Dr. C. P. Linn has been removed to Claremore. Oowala's loss is Claremore's gain.

—All reasonable, thinking men! Cut last week's "Pay Roll" out of the Chieftain and "smoke it in your pipes."

—Those home from the seminaries for the holidays, are Misses Sallie Musgrove and Ida Collins, James Musgrove, Will and George Collins.

—We are bound by every rule of justice and equity to give the New Year credit for being a good one until he has proven himself unworthy the confidence we repose in him.

—The other day, while at Claremore, we noticed the agent wearing craps. On being asked the reason he said it was for "Wenonah" and "Pat Murphy." The remark was: "Do not mourn; they are not dead; only gone before."

—The senate this council reminded me of the old woman who used the bark of one tree for all remedies. For an emetic she scraped it upward and called it high-puppy-low-run. For a cathartic she scraped it down and called it low-puppy-high-run. Sabel!

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—Who owes for the flour?

—Where the jockey club is.

—What that cream satin dress is for.

—Why the other two senators didn't get an office.

—Why more pugilistic work wasn't done and less talking.

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CLAREMORE ITEMS.

—The Xmas tree at West Point was a grand affair.

—D. L. Denny has been spending a few days at Vinita.

—R. P. Lindsey will ship a car of fat hogs to-morrow.

—C. V. Rogers and Frank Musgrove were in town last week.

—E. C. McVie has been spending the holidays down the road.

—J. A. Norman and Sallie know where to sleep these cold nights.

—R. P. Lindsey and lady spent their Christmas at the home of L. Rosenthal.

—Madam Humor says there is soon to be a wedding in the vicinity of Vinita.

—W. L. Wayburn is the best walker in the west. If you don't believe it ask him.

—You can't expect us to write up your Christmas dinners when we were not invited.

—Rev. D. N. Allen preached a very entertaining sermon Sunday evening at this place.

—Mr. David Burns and family left Sunday for a few days' visit with relatives at Police City.

—W. E. Sanders, our able sheriff, is spending the holidays in the lower district where his best girl lives.

—C. D. Ward is having a new front put on his store building which adds much to its looks as well as comfort.

—Some of our young friends attended the Christmas tree exercises at Oowala and report a very good time. One of them received a very handsome pillow case.

—We will say to "Pat Murphy," that we are tired of making some one else's fight. We trust we have offended no one and will further say, you have got to spot "Lyons."

—Dr. C. P. Linn has returned to Claremore and rented the front room in the upper story of the Coopersworth hotel for an office.

—We are glad to have the doctor with us again.

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ITEMS FROM PLANT.

—Work has commenced on the Baptist church.

—Mr. John Talley, living near the Bell school house, lost his horse by fire one night week. Nothing was saved.

—The residence of J. W. Chandler caught fire one night last week but was discovered in time to be extinguished before any serious loss.

—The mission board of the church of God, here decided to postpone the matter of building a mission school until next year, or until after the meeting of their district assembly in June next, when the missionary society will be taken to plant said school. Elder R. H. Bolton, of Findlay, Ohio, who is secretary of the board of missions, visited this country on a tour of inspection and will make his report favorable to the building of the school.

—Rev. Postell, formerly of Vinita and who has lately been engaged in work in our part of the nation, is stirring things up generally. He commenced work in the court house, a place heretofore avoided by the different ministers and which had from its character for sin and evil of every description been called the "devil's den." Here he has succeeded in forming a class of some ten or fifteen members. He has enlisted such men as J. H. Hunt, Col. Johnson and others in the work, and now a church house is in process of erection. So far, good.

—There is a genuine haunted house in the upper part of our district. The place is owned by N. B. Littlejohn and occupied by M. Paden, a renter. It formerly belonged to Hickory Starr, now living on Cowhick Prairie, in Delaware district and is known as the old Starr homestead. The ghostly visitor makes its appearance each night by a series of rattlings in different parts of the house. Afterwards it goes off rattling always in the same direction it is said and apparently about forty feet from the house. The number of persons have visited the place to investigate his ghostship but have failed to solve the mystery. Your correspondent visited the place one night last week but the spook failed to come up to acquaintance. Will investigate further and report. You may expect startling developments.

Dec. 19, 1886.

Pao-Bono Punction.

Take Notice.

Every one indebted to J. W. Skinner and Skinner & Hunt must settle their money bills the 1st of January. No more account furnished until these bills are paid. All bills must be paid every week—we have to pay cash for our stock. We intend to live strictly to this rule.

SKINNER & HUNT.

AT COST!

BADGETT & BLAKENEY,

After Dec. 1, will close out their

ENTIRE STOCK

Dry Goods!

Boots, Shoes!

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Plain and Fancy,

All Confections,

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Grapes, Oranges,

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Oysters Served in Every Style;

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Without question the ARCADE displays more Candies, Christmas Tricks

and goods of this character than were ever before brought to this

country; in fact the place wears a decidedly metropolitan look.

All are cordially invited to call an inspect. The ladies need have

no fears of encountering a lot of loafers as none are tolerated.

Everything is as neat and tidy as a parlor and will be kept so.

Beyond the line of goods named we have on our shelves many

Sauces, Preserves, Relishes and Canned Goods,

which can be obtained at no other house in the city.

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